

MINUTES

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 7, 2008 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM

93 Gooding Ave., Suite 3, Bristol, RI 02809

Members Present: Rick Costa, Treasurer; Liz Graves, Chairperson; Barbara Rozul, Secretary; Heidi Showstead, 2nd Vice Chair (speakerphone); Mary Wambach, LDA Chairperson.

Staff Present: Camille Pansa, Executive Director; Lisel Rockwood, Program Assistant.

Interpreter: Dona Lombardi

1. Minutes of October 3, 2008: previously sent. A motion was made by Mary Wambach to accept the minutes as written and seconded by Heidi Showstead. Vote passed unanimously.

2. Review December 2008 calendar: attached. The quarterly meeting will be held on December 19th from 12 Noon to 2 PM. The Finance Meeting will be held on December 12th if needed.

3. Vote on Transportation Position Paper: previously sent. Mary Wambach noted that the Transportation Position Paper was worked on by many SILC Members and showed good representation. A motion was made to accept the paper as written, with the exception of a few grammatical changes to be made by Mary Wambach, by Rick Costa and seconded by Barbara Rozul. Vote passed unanimously. The paper will be voted on by full Council at the next quarterly

meeting.

4. Review of Global Waiver Position Paper: previously sent. The newest version was read aloud. Mary Wambach commented that many, many hands were involved with putting it together and that Representative Naughton was interested in seeing the final paper. Some capitalized/non-capitalized words were looked at and changes/suggestions were made. A motion was made to approve the paper by Heidi Showstead and seconded by Rick Costa. Vote passed unanimously. Because the paper is time sensitive, Camille Pansa noted that the Executive Committee had the authority to approve the immediate distribution of the paper.

5. Report on Disability History Week event: Although there was a limited number of attendees, the feed back from people was positive, that the display tables were very helpful and the panel was wonderful. Overall the event went well but more lead time is needed for future event planning. Approximately 26 people attended inclusive of Council Members.

6. Report on PARI Dinner: Liz Graves and Don Phelps attended. The dinner was well attended. Camille Pansa thanked Liz and Don for representing the SILC.

7. Update on 704 Report: previously sent. Copies were also passed out as needed. The State Planning Committee will meet on Wednesday,

November 12th to review the 704.

8. Educational presentation for quarterly: Camille Pansa contacted Tracey Poole concerning the K-9 for Combat Veterans, a component

of the Prison Pup Program. Tracey has agreed to do the educational presentation which will include a DVD of the program. If she is able, she will bring along a veteran from the program and his/her dog.

9. Initiatives for 2009: the following LDA list was reviewed and discussed.

fæ Medical Global Waiver

fæ Trial Work periods without losing benefits

fæ Disability History Bill and Curriculum

fæ Cross Disability Collaborative Coalition

fæ RIPTA Advocacy

fæ Workshops: Cross Disability Symposium, Educating the Public on System and Service Changes, Self Information and Action.

Mary Wambach made a correction on one of the initiatives; whereas *“Cross Disability Collaborative”* should read *“Cross Disability Coalition.”* Most who gave feedback agreed that Medical Global Waiver was the most important. Ron Racine suggested the SILC concentrate on one or two of the most important current issues rather than trying to accomplish everything.

10. Chairperson’s Report: Liz Graves reported that she went to six polling places and completed a survey on each for the Governor’s Commission on Disability. She was pleased to see greeters at the doors, noted that Mooring Heights had installed a ramp and Automart machines were in place and staffed with knowledgeable people. Two places were missing appropriate parking signs.

11. Executive Director Report: Camille Pansa reported that the auditor will be here the first week in December. She stated that there are three new volunteers: Jason Pisano, Karen Hanrahan and Rui Gonsalves. Camille presented Heidi Showstead with a citation from RI House of Representatives for receiving the Hope and Help Award at the annual meeting.

12. Financial Report: previously sent.

13. Leadership Development and Advocacy Committee Report: previously sent. Mary Wambach added that the committee continues to be dynamic.

14. Old Business/New Business/incoming Mail: Camille Pansa mentioned that the ADA Restoration Act passed. Also, unfortunately funds are not available to send anyone to the SILC Congress in January.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Rozul

Secretary